

City Council
Study Session Summary
October 24, 2017
Library Meeting Room
951 Spruce Street
7:00 PM

The City Council met in a study session at 7:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the Louisville Public Library at 951 Spruce Street, Louisville, Colorado. The following persons were present:

City Council Present: Mayor Bob Muckle
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lipton
Council member Chris Leh
Council member Jay Keany
Council member Susan Loo
Council member Dennis Maloney
Council member Ashley Stolzmann

Staff Present: Heather Balser, Interim City Manager
Erika Archer, Sustainability Specialist
David Szabados, Facilities Manager
Rob Zuccaro, Director of Planning and Building Safety
Dawn Burgess, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

Members of LSAB Mark Persichetti, Mary Ann Heaney, Dan Delahunty,
Allison Johanson, Marianne Martin

Members of Public

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Muckle

Discussion – Two-Year Sustainability Work Plan

Sustainability Specialist Erika Archer presented an overview of the 2 Year Work Plan for the Sustainability Action Plan. She began with an overview of what she has been doing, including participating in Xcel's Partners in Energy, community outreach, initiating a green business recognition award program, participating in the Boulder county greenhouse gas inventory, and research.

Council member Stolzmann asked for the Boulder County greenhouse gas inventory report. Archer will provide to Council once it is available from the County.

Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board (LSAB) Chair MaryAnn Heaney discussed the timeline. In 2014, LSAB spent time researching topic areas and what Boulder County and other municipalities have done. They did a tremendous amount of outreach asking citizens what they thought the City should have in a sustainability plan. In 2015, they worked in sub teams to draft sections and then put the plan together in 2016. 2016 plan was adopted by Council. In June 2017, Archer was brought on staff.

LSAB focused on 5 categories:

- Climate and energy
- Water
- Transportation
- Waste
- Local food and agriculture

Archer reviewed goals and objectives and the considerations that went into the development of the recommendations: multiple benefits, collaborative approach, social equity, environmental benefit, and technical soundness, harmonize with existing activity, long-term and lasting impact.

Archer interviewed staff members and reviewed methods described in the slide.

Council member Loo wants local resources. In original plan there was a dictionary; she would like acronyms defined.

Council member Stolzmann feels the goals have been rewritten. She would like Council goals for sustainability and to tie project priorities back to key indicators. Look at goals for sustainability sub program. She suggests re-doing the whole goal section. Prioritization should drive us to make progress on our key indicators. She feels the scoring system does not mean much.

Council member Maloney feels the goals and objectives don't have fiscal analysis.

Mayor Muckle liked the prioritization. Great work in terms of taking the Sustainability Action Plan and attempting to flesh out steps. He agrees they can be tied to key indicators. Feels this is a good step into taking the plan into action.

Council member Stolzmann said the prioritization is random and believes higher goals should be set.

Council member Leh said it sounds like there is a disconnect. This is a draft, not a final document. Goals can inform it but not drive it. He feels it is an interesting look. There is nothing specifically related to being economically sustainable; that is not addressed in the plan. Voluntary versus mandatory measures need to be addressed.

Mayor Muckle said this is in the Council workplan. He wants to come to agreement and be ready to go in 2019. Wants to work through it and go through categories.

Council member Maloney said we are done with this budget cycle – we should be reshaping and making the commitment. Plan can be brought together for next budget cycle.

Climate and Energy

Mayor would like to strive to get to 100% of municipal power from own sources and be able to measure greenhouse gases.

Council member Stolzmann does not want to do another inventory in the next year, additional to Boulder County's inventory. It is hard to get an accurate inventory. Council member Loo and Mayor Muckle agree.

Council member Loo has no interest in adopting unrealistic goals that are all show.

A LSAB member said the board did not have enough information to set milestones that show return on investment. The City is looking to set goals that are attainable.

Council member Leh would like a chart showing all the detail in priority order. When it is revised, it will be helpful to see how things shake out when using Council goals and objectives. At some point, Council will have to deal with prioritization. Just an issue of presentation.

Council member Stolzmann is concerned about siloing; she would like to rank by effectiveness measure.

Council member Stolzmann believes there are things that are factually wrong in the document. They need to be corrected before it is published again.

Council members Maloney and Stolzmann would like to look at areas where the City can make the greatest strides.

Council member Keany said the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) is not just a Council document. It is a community wide aspirational document. These discussion points are specific to the Council. Goals and objectives in the plan are related to a community wide aspirational document. He appreciates Council member Loo's comments about making things voluntary.

Mayor Pro Tem Lipton said really good work went into the document. It needs approved alignment with Council goals and objectives, and policy information. Analysis is done. What do you need for policy? What does Council need to support?

Council member Leh suggests an executive summary.

Council member Loo said numbers matter. If you are going to set a goal, you will have to set policies to reach numbers. She does not think electric police vehicles are a good idea. She would like less words on electric vehicles and more on hybrids that do work. Good start because there is a lot of detail.

Council member Stolzmann said sustainability and improving our environment is important to our citizens. We need to take action. There are real and necessary steps we can take. Put more time in priority scale.

A LSAB member stated that Council adopted the SAP and the goals in that plan are the goals in Work plan. What are the cities overarching goals? What are the broader goals? She said Archer met with staff to find out what is realistic in their realm. Yes, some things are missing but this is the beginning to measure goals and priorities.

A discussion of community supported agriculture and bees began, however, Mayor Pro Tem Lipton said given time constraints, it is not a discussion we can have tonight. He said to give LSAB and staff some running room. Leave it to the City Manager to determine what is the best way to bring this document back.

Mayor suggested breaking the SAP up by areas. He also suggested staff bringing the discussion of bees in urban areas to a regular Council meeting. There would need to be a code amendment to allow bees in commercial zone districts.

Interim City Manager Balser said there are a lot of different opinions around the SAP. The struggle is how to consolidate. Tonight's feedback is helpful.

Mayor Muckle appreciates the work that has begun. Council member Leh thanked LSAB members and staff.

Discussion – First and Final Mile Update

Planning and Building Safety Director Rob Zuccaro presented an update on first and final mile efforts related to McCaslin station and the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service. Zuccaro said the purpose of first and final mile infrastructure and policies is to improve ridership to get people to and from the station.

Most of Centennial Valley, one of the City's major employment centers, is in the first and final mile radius of the McCaslin station.

Zuccaro said Louisville's partnership with Superior is important because we share the transit stop with Superior. More people are using the station because of the Flatiron Flyer. Louisville will have 30 signs that will coordinate with other jurisdictions and will be branded, as an example of one regional effort at first and final mile improvements.

Zuccaro reviewed other initiatives the City of Louisville is undertaking and discussed each of the following items from the First and Last Mile Study that Louisville participated in with 36 Commuting Solutions and other local jurisdictions.

List of community corridor improvements recommendations:

- Secured Bike Parking Structure
- Wayfinding
- Ecopasses

Louisville Priority Improvements:

- McCaslin Underpass
- Call and Ride Service
- Wayfinding
- Pick up and Drop off locations
- Mini Transportation Hubs
- Powerline Trail Connection (funded for 2018)
- ADA Accessible Ramps

Council member Stolzmann would like data to see if things have changed after speed tables were installed at Cherry and McCaslin.

Zuccaro discussed implementing more of a street grid to provide better connectivity and infrastructure. As redevelopment takes place, find opportunities to provide a street grid.

Zuccaro discussed other improvements done by the city not included in the First and Last Mile Study but that were relevant improvements:

- Diverging Diamond
- Coal Creek trail Head

- Centennial Parkway Bike Lanes and Parking

Zuccaro discussed several next steps that the City plans to take in 2018 related to first and last mile transportation improvements:

- Transportation master plan
- Updated Commercial and industrial design guidelines

Council member Maloney asked how demand is quantified. Zuccaro said demand can be created by the infrastructure and added that origin and destination data can be obtained to determine where the highest demand for commuting could occur.

Council would like a cost analysis of call and ride service and data on whether ridership increases with real-time bus display signs.

Mayor commented that one thing we don't have is failure of ridership; the Flatiron Flyer has been very successful.

Council member Lipton said the magic bullet is not to take people to RTD station and think they will bike to work. We need to make better physical connections. Need to think about future technologies in transportation. McCaslin is the easier part of the puzzle. CTC is harder.

Mayor Muckle and Council thanked Zuccaro.

Advanced Agenda & Identification of Future Agenda Items

Sustainability Action Plan will come back for future Council discussion.

December 19 – move LRC budget on regular agenda

Interim City Manager Balser brought to Council attention that Imperial Beach, CA would like to talk to Council about Louisville's marijuana regulations.

Adjourn 8:59 pm

*Submitted by – Dawn Burgess
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